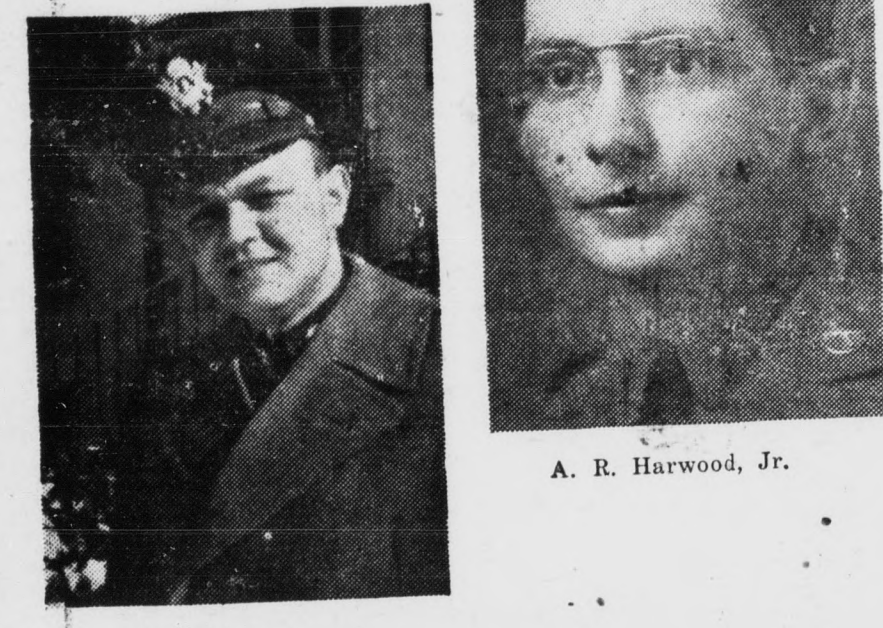


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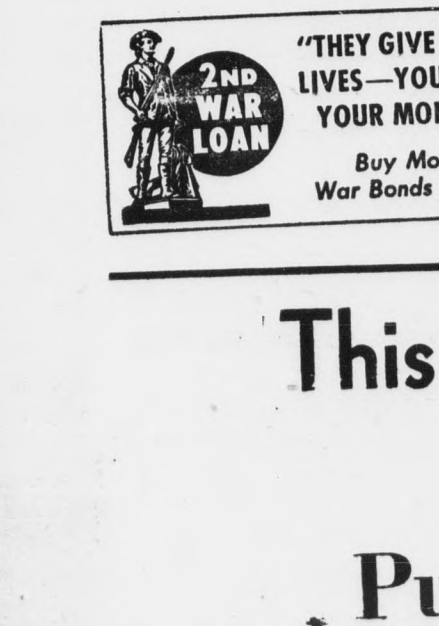
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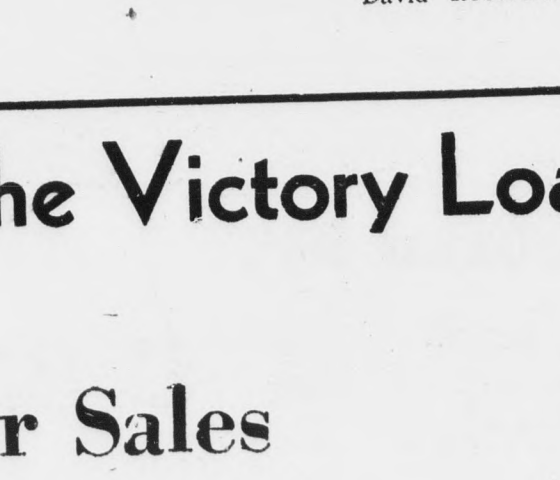


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American People Face Acid Test in Treasury's 2nd War Loan To Raise 13 Billion Dollars in Three Weeks

The Nation Dare Not Fail in This Greatest Financing Task in History—They Give Their Lives—You Lend Your Money.

Washington, D. C.—Coming as it does upon the heels of income tax payments, the people of America will face an acid test this month when the Treasury's Second War Loan drive opens April 12 with an objective of thirteen billion dollars to be raised through sale of Government securities.

A substantial part of this huge financing, the most stupendous ever undertaken by any government in the world's history, must be loaned by people in ordinary walks of life.

High Government officials have pointed out that the nation must not fail in this drive to our men on the battle fronts who are now carrying the offensive to the enemy at every stage. It is obvious to every thinking man and woman that as the United States takes this offensive against the dictators, the cost of war operations increases in proportion.

The American people must no longer think of war costs in terms of equipping a soldier, building a tank or plane or a ship. We must now think in terms of the cost of battles, invasions and new offensives. Attacking armies cost more money than equipping that army and we must meet that increased cost by buying more War Bonds and Second War Loan Securities.

They Give Their Lives.

It is not only necessary that the American people left here at home assume this additional participation in the war effort—it is an honor to do so. For we here at home can do no less than attempt to approach the sacrifices of our brave men out on the fighting fronts to whom the last great measure of sacrifice is but a daily offering. They give their lives. We are asked only to lend our money.

And that is the theme of the Second War Loan, "They Give Their Lives—You Lend Your Money."

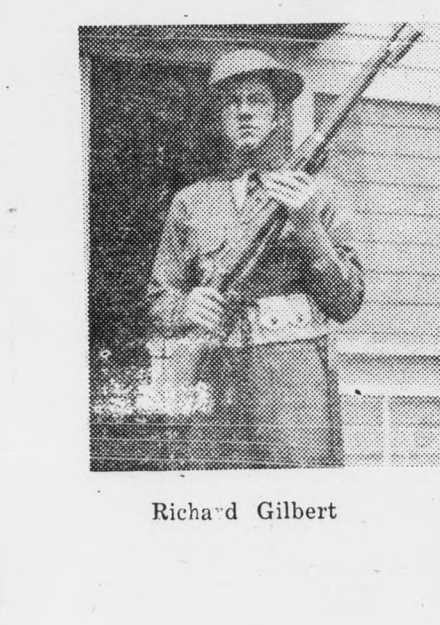
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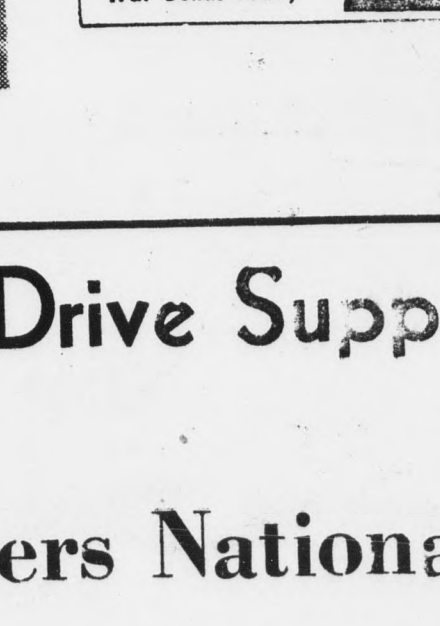
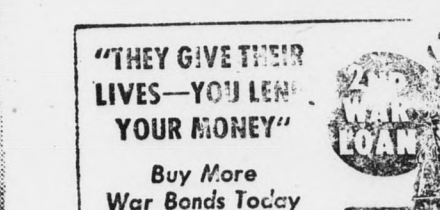
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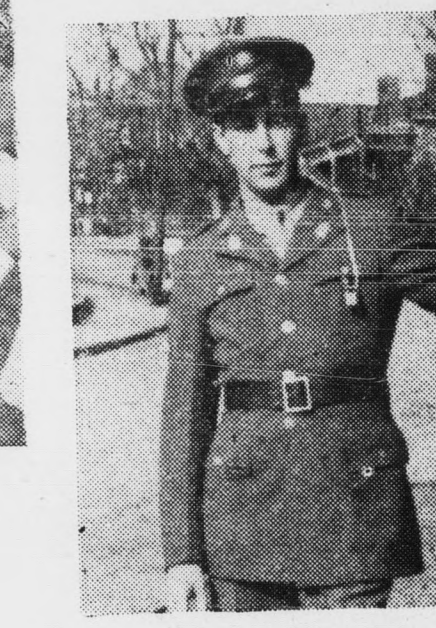
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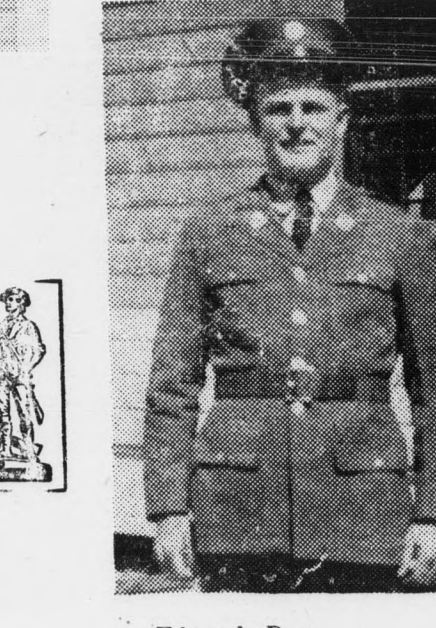
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PETER AND JOHN IN GETHSEMANE

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 26:36-46; John 14:27-31.

GOLDEN TEXT—Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation. Matthew 26:41.

The morning of that great day when atonement was made for the sins of all the world was nearly at hand. In the darkness of the night, following the institution of the Lord's Supper, and the words and prayer of our Lord (John 13-17), He and His disciples came to the Garden of Gethsemane. Taking three of His disciples He went deeper into the shadows to pour out before the Father His soul, "exceeding sorrowful even unto death."

It is a sacred scene, and we feel a sense of awe and reverence as we approach it, feeling that we too would prefer to tarry outside the garden, did we not feel that we should try to understand a little better what took place that night.

We are especially concerned with Peter and John, who with James shared our Lord's sorrow up to a point, and then so sadly failed Him.

To be asked by Christ to stand by in this crucial hour was to be entrusted with one of the greatest privileges a man could ever know. As there swept over His holy soul a great tidal wave of sorrow unto death, He wanted and needed their fellowship. As Dr. MacLaren puts it, He "grazed the very edge" of human endurance. "Out of the darkness He reaches a hand to feel the grasp of a friend, and pitifully asks these humble lovers to stay beside Him; not that they could help Him bear the weight, but that their presence had some solace in it. His agony... they could not bear with Him, but they could watch with Him, and that poor comfort is all He asked."

Undoubtedly they intended to do it. Jesus bore witness that their spirit was willing (v. 41), but in spite of that and all the boasting of Peter at the table that he would never desert Him, they failed Him in His hour of need. It was

II. Sad Weakness (vv. 39-46).

Our Lord's prayer showed great faith in God the Father, towards the recoil of His soul against being blackened with the burden of sin, and a complete surrender to the Father's will. Here was true denial of self and submission to God, but it was nonetheless an appalling experience for our sinless Lord. So He went back for fellowship with His three trusted friends—and they were asleep.

Jesus recognized that the weakness of the flesh caused them to forget and slumber. We may profit by a little closer scrutiny of the scene. Was it just a physical tiredness? That doubtless entered in, but was not Jesus even more tired than they could possibly be? Was it not rather the weakness of indifference? They did not yet fully believe that their Lord was about to die. That was why they were quickly scattered in unbelief when He did die. This matter was not so serious in their sight, so it was not difficult to yield to the tired body and the deep, quiet darkness, and fall asleep.

We are in much the same position. Danger—grave, spiritual danger—threatens our souls, our families, our nation. We who call ourselves Christians have declared our readiness to stay awake and alert. But we have become at home in this world, the enemy soothes us with the assurance that all is well, time goes on and nothing too serious happens. So, we go to sleep right in the midst of danger, and then the sleepy Peter, now much awake, indulges in

III. Foolish Courage (John 18:10-12).

The act of Peter was courageous, even to the point of recklessness. What chance had he against a great armed multitude? It was the natural impulse of a loving heart, but it was misguided and foolish.

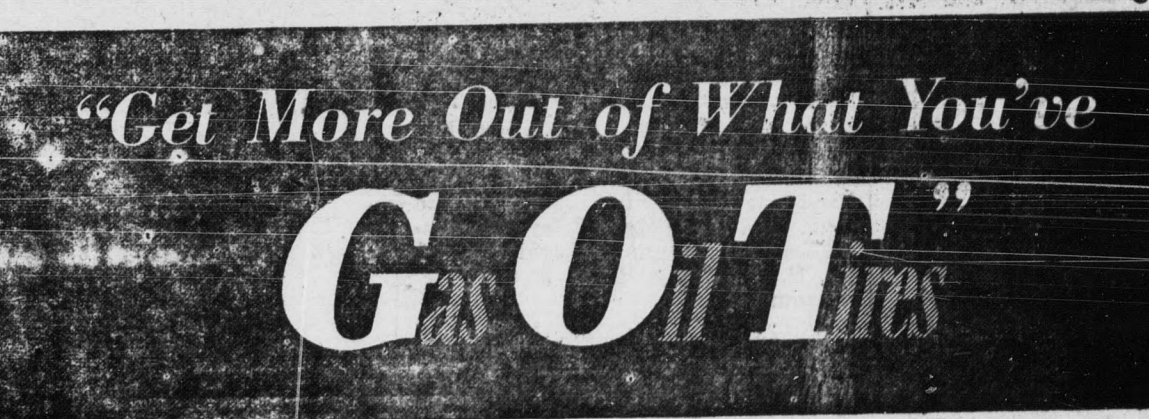
What did he think to accomplish—to deliver Jesus from those who would crucify Him? That would have meant no death on the cross and no redemption. The hour for the offering up of the Son of Man as Saviour had come. Peter might have learned that with our Lord in the garden, but then he was asleep. Christ who had hitherto walked right through the crowd of enemies (Luke 4:30), now submitted. In the dark hours of the night He had been prepared to drink this bitter cup (v. 11).

We need to learn from this experience of Peter's lest we make the same mistake. There are all too many in the Church who are asleep as far as their spiritual struggles and opportunities are concerned, who are eager to wield a reckless sword in outward conflict. In their folly and ignorance they do more harm than good, and yet they think they are working for Christ.

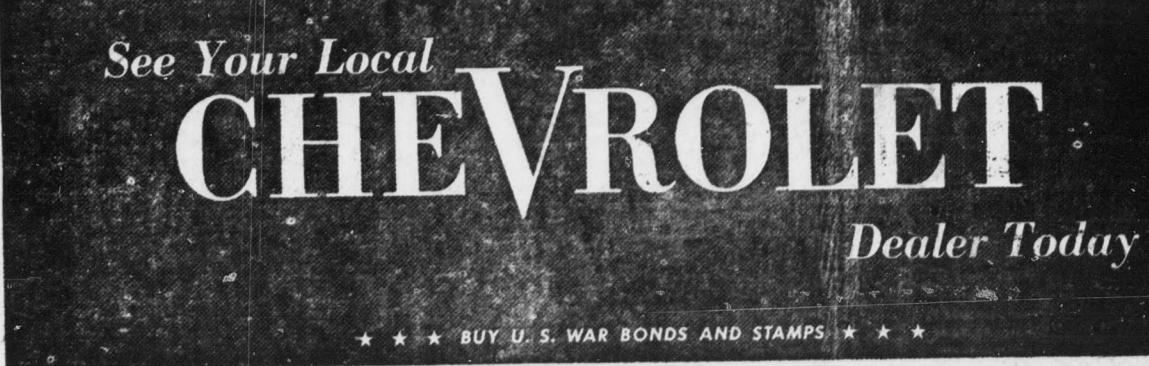
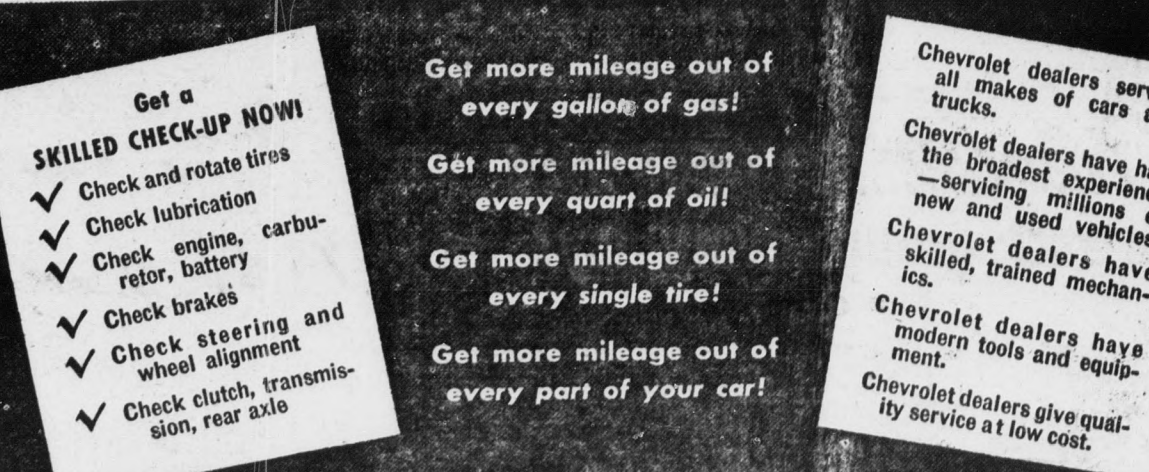


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